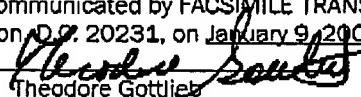


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Hon. Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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January 3, 2003

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

This communication is in response to the Final Action of July 10, 2002.

Attached herewith is a Declaration Under Rule 132 as requested during the meeting with Examiner on December 2, 2002.

Entry of the amendment and consideration of the declaration and the remarks are respectfully solicited.